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### Dear Sir:

#### Submitted herewith are:

- (1) Amendment including Exhibit A and Exhibit B; and
- (2) Deposit Account Authorization: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any needed fees to deposit account 50-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **AMENDMENT**

## Dear Sir:

This is in response to the November 14, 2006 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due three months from the mailing date thereof. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed. Please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.